State Forest Departments and other concerned Departments as also under the schemes of the Central Government, like the Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Projects Scheme, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, Non-Timber Forest Produce Scheme and Seed Development Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme, Desert Development Programme and Drought Prone Areas Programme of the Ministry of Rural Development, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects Scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture etc. Similarly, afforestation and tree planting activities are also carried out under the externally aided projects being implemented by State Governments. The targets and achievements of the State Governments/UTs for the first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1994-95) and targets for 1995-96 are given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No-59]

Bids received from foreign and Indian companies for exploration of oil

2506. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bids so far received for oil exploration work in respect of large, medium and small oil fields from Indian and foreign companies;

(b) how many of them have been evaluated and contracts awarded to Indian and joint ventures for each oil field and the details thereof;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the exploration work in each oil field and the expenditure incurred in each case; and

(d) whether ONGC is entering into joint ventures with foreign companies in exploration work abroad and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Under the two offers made for development of medium and small sized fields in August 1992 and October, 1993, a total of 117 and 54 bids respectively were received.

(b) Under the first offer made in August 1992, contracts for development of 13 small sized and five medium sized fields have been signed. Details are given in Statement I. (*See* below). The proposals received under the second offer made in October 1993 are yet to be finalised.

(c) Field-wise details are given in Statement-II. (*See* below).

(d) ONGC Videsh Ltd. (ONGC-VL), a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC, has entered into a farm in agreement with British Gas (BG) for 50% undivided interest in North Zaafarana concession (excluding an area known as Zaafarana Development Lease) in the northern part of Gulf of Suez in Egypt. ONGC-VL will pay 100% of the costs to drill, test and complete a well upto a cost limit. In addition, 50% of the cost of 3D Seismic survey conducted over the prospect area will also be paid to BG.

ONGC-VL signed a Production Sharing Contract with Petro Vietnam in May 1988 for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in blocks 6, 12E and 19 for a period of 25 years. During the exploration Phase-II from October 1992 to November 1994, ONGC-VL carried out the exploration activities in partnership with BP Exploration Operating Company (BP), UK and Den Norske State Oljeselskap A.S. (Statoil), Norway. BP and Statoil have 45% participating interest in this venture. ONGC-VL has signed a Farm out Agreement with M/s Command Petroleum for their onshore block known as Fejaj permit in Tunisia, with

participation by ONGC-VL to the extent of 40% in the permit.

Statement-I

Name of Company / Consortium	Small Sized Fields
1. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC), India-Niko Resources, Canada	Hazira, Cambay, Bhandut, Matar & Sabarmati
2. Selan Exploration Technology Ltd., India	Indrora, Bakrol & Lohar
3. Larsen & Toubro, India—Joshi Technologies, USA.	Dholka, Wavel
4. Interlink Petroleum Ltd., India	Baola
5. HOEC, India—Mosbacher Energy Co., USA—Petrodyne Inc., USA	PY-1
6. HOEC, India—GSPC, India—Petrodyne Inc., USA.	Asjol
Name of Company / Consortium	**Medium Sized Fields**
Enron, USA—Reliance Industries, India	Mid & South Tapti, Mukta and Panna.
Command Petroleum, Australia—Videocon, India—Marubeni, Japan	Ravva
Compagnie Geofinanciere, France—Enpro Services, India	Kharsang

Statement-II

The details of progress made with regard to different activities on the fields awarded to private companies are as under:—

Field	Progress	Expenditure Incurred
MEDIUM SIZED FIELDS		
Mid & S. Tapti	3D seismic survey & Processing has been completed.	19.62 million US $ (upto Dec. 1995)
Panna-Mukta	3D seismic survey, 2D & 3D seismic processing has been complet. l. Development plan has been submitted & environment impact study has been carried out. Both the fields are on production.	15.57 million US $ on development activities and 32.97 million US $ as operating expenditure.
Ravva	2D & 3D seismic data has been reprocessed. 2D seismic data is under reprocessing. One exploratory & one development location has been firmed up. A rig has been deployed for work over on 2 producing wells and subsequent drilling of wells. Field is on production.	33.493 million US $ (upto October 1995)
Kharsang	The field has not yet been taken over by the operator.	
SMALL SIZED FIELDS		
Dholka & Wavel	Works relating to development is in progress.	0.263 million US $ (upto 31.10.95)
Bakrol, Lohar & Indrora	Fields handed over by ONGC on 16.10.95. Indrora field on production.	Rs. 66 lakhs approx.
Asjol	Early production System has been installed. Workover carried out on one well. Field is on production.	Rs. 40 lakhs approx.
Bhandut	Two storage tanks have been installed. Field is on production.	Rs. 77.9 lakhs.
Hazira	Gas handling plant has been installed. One well has been worked over. Field is on production.	Rs. 205.87 lakhs
Matar & Sabarmati	Development plan is under preparation.	Rs. 1.35 lakhs approx. (Matar) Rs. 1.35 lakhs (Sabarmati)
Py-1	Preparation for site survey in progress.	Nil
Baola	Critical equipment have been procurred. Land has been acquired	Rs. 50 lakhs.
Cambay	The field has not yet been taken over by the operator.	